(c) what alternative steps are being taken to compensate such revenue loss of the States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) There is no loss in the total transfers, both plan and non-plan, to State Governments during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 as is evident from the following figures :

(Rs. in crores)

	Total transfers to State Governments
1990-91 (Actual) . .	41421
1991-92 (Actual) . .	45159
1992-93 (Actual) . .	50637
1993-94 (BE) . . .	53833

There is, therefore, no adverse effect of the reforms measures of the Central Government referred to in the question on the total transfers to the State Governments.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Amount Written off by Bank

1479. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three nationalised banks, Indian Bank, State Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank decided to write off debt amounting to about Rs. 600 crores owed by a Non-Resident Indian owing a chain of spinning and weaving mills across Indonesia ; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therfor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Branches of United Bank of India in North-Eastern Region

1480. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Bank of India has failed to open new branches in the North-Eastern zone despite Reserve Bank of India's instructions ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that United Bank of India was allotted 79 centres for opening branches in North Eastern Region under 1985—90 plan. Out of them, 14 authorisation were pending with the bank. The reasons given by the bank for opening the branches at the allotted centres has ben generally lack of basic infrastructural facilities like non-availability of suitable premises, all-weather roads, telecommunication. For the State of Manipur, security aspect had also been highlighted in addition to the absence of basic infrastructural facilities. The banks have been advised to approach the concerned State Government for providing necessary infrastructural facilities. The validity period of the pending authorisations had been extended in stages upto 31-3-1993 to enable the bank to open branches at the allotted centres. On the expiry of the extended validity period at the end of March, 1993 it was decided to treat all the pending licences as lapsed/cancelled with effect from 1-4-1993. However, banks have been advised to approach Reserve Bank of India for issue of licences afresh after finalising premises etc. at the centres concerned.